SPNP-Remote provides a single call path for the forwarding of no more than one simultaneous call to the receiving party's specified forwarded-to number. Additional call paths for the forwarding of multiple simultaneous calls are available on a per path basis and are in addition to the rate for SPNP-Remote service.

- F. SPNP-DID service provides trunk side access to end office switches for direct inward dialing to other company's premises equipment from the telecommunications network to lines associated with the other company's switching equipment and must be provided on all trunks in a group arranged for inward service. A SPNP-DID trunk termination, provided with SS7 Signaling only, charge applies for each trunk voice grade equivalent. In addition, direct facilities are required from the end office where a ported number resides to the end office serving the ported end user customer. The rates for a switched local channel and switched dedicated transport apply as contained in Section E6 of BellSouth's intrastate Access Services tariff, as said Tariff is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement. Transport mileage will be calculated as the airline distance between the end office where the number is ported and the POI using the V&H coordinate method. SPNP-DID must be established with a minimum configuration of 2 channels and one unassigned telephone number per switch, per arrangement for control purposes. Transport facilities arranged for SPNP-DID may not be mixed with any other type of trunk group, with no outgoing calls placed over said facilities. SPNP-DID will be provided only where such facilities are available and where the switching equipment of the ordering party is properly equipped. Where SPNP-DID service is required from more than one wire center or from separate trunk groups within the same wire center, such service provided from each wire center or each trunk group within the same wire center shall be considered a separate service. Only customer dialed sent paid calls will be completed to the first number of a SPNP-DID number group, however there are no restrictions on calls completed to other numbers of a SPNP-DID number group. Interface group arrangements provided for terminating the switched transport at the party's terminal location are as set forth in E6.1.3.A. of BellSouth's intrastate Access Services tariff, as amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement.
- G. SPNP services will be provided at the charges contained in Attachment B-3 for SPNP-RCF and Attachment B-4 for SPNP-DID. Both Attachments are incorporated herein by this reference.
- H. The calling party is responsible for payment of the applicable charges for sent-paid calls to the SPNP number. For collect, third-party, or other operator-assisted non-sent paid calls to the ported telephone number, BellSouth or ALEC-1 is responsible for the payment of charges under the same terms and conditions for which the end user would have been liable for those charges. Either party may request that the other block collect and third party non-sent paid calls to the SPNP assigned telephone number. If the party does not request blocking, the other party will provide itemized local usage data for the billing of non-sent paid calls on the monthly bill of usage charges, provided at the individual end user account level. The detail will include

itemization of all billable usage. As an alternative to the itemized monthly bill, each party shall have the option of receiving this usage data on a daily basis via a data file transfer arrangement. This arrangement will utilize the existing industry uniform standard, known as EMR standards, for exchange of billing data. Files of usage data will be created daily for the optional service. Usage originated and recorded in the sending BellSouth RAO will be provided in unrated format. ALEC-1 usage originated elsewhere and delivered via CMDS to the sending BellSouth RAO will be provided in rated format.

- I. Each party is responsible for obtaining authorization from the end user for the handling of the disconnection of the end user's service, the provision of new local service and the provision of SPNP services. Each party is responsible for coordinating the provision of service with the other to assure that its switch is capable of accepting SPNP ported traffic. Each party is responsible for providing equipment and facilities that are compatible with the other's service parameters, interfaces, equipment and facilities and is required to provide sufficient terminating facilities and services at the terminating end of an SPNP call to adequately handle all traffic to that location and is solely responsible to ensure that its facilities, equipment and services do not interfere with or impair any facility, equipment, or service of the other party or any of its end users. In the event that either party determines in its sole judgment that the other party will likely impair or is impairing, or interfering with any equipment, facility or service or any of its end users, that party may either refuse to provide SPNP service or terminate SPNP to the other party.
- J. Each party is responsible for providing an appropriate intercept announcement service for any telephone numbers subscribed to SPNP services for which it is not presently providing local exchange service or terminating to an end user. Where either party chooses to disconnect or terminate any SPNP service, that party is responsible for designating the preferred standard type of announcement to be provided.
- K. Each party will be the other's party's single point of contact for all repair calls on behalf of each party's end user. Each party reserves the right to contact the other party's customers, if deemed necessary, for maintenance purposes.
- L. Neither party is responsible for adverse effects on any service, facility or equipment for the use of SPNP services. End-to-end transmission characteristics may vary depending on the distance and routing necessary to complete calls over SPNP facilities and the fact that another carrier is involved in the provisioning of service. Therefore, end-to-end transmission characteristics can not be specified by either party for such calls. Neither party is responsible to the other if any necessary change in protection criteria or in any of the facilities, operation, or procedures of either renders any facilities provided by the other party obsolete or renders necessary modification of the other party's equipment.

- M. For that terminating IXC traffic ported to ALEC-1 which requires use of BellSouth tandem switching, BellSouth will bill the IXC tandem switching, the interconnection charge, and a portion of the transport, and ALEC-1 will bill the IXC local switching, the carrier common line and a portion of the transport. If BellSouth is unable to provide the necessary access records to permit ALEC-1 to bill the IXCs directly for terminating access to ported numbers, then the parties agree to work cooperatively to develop a surrogate method to approximate the access minutes, and a settlement process with BellSouth to recover those access revenues due it as a co-provider of access services to IXCs. During the interim, while the surrogate is being developed, BellSouth will bill the IXC full terminating switched access charges, keep the interconnection charge, tandem switching and a portion of transport, and remit the local switching, a portion of transport and CCL revenues to ALEC-1. If a BellSouth toll intraLATA call is delivered to ALEC-1, BellSouth will pay terminating access rates. This subsection does not apply in cases where SPNP-DID is utilized for number portability.
- N. If ALEC-1 has direct connections to the IXCs for the termination of all interLATA traffic and it is only through the use of SPNP services that the BellSouth tandem is being utilized and BellSouth receives network access service revenues from the terminating IXC, ALEC-1 will bill BellSouth the network access charges for the terminating facilities used for that interLATA traffic. This circumstance may also arise where an intraLATA toll call from a BellSouth customer is sent to a BellSouth number that is, in turn, forwarded through the use of SPNP services to ALEC-1's customer. If so, ALEC-1 will bill BellSouth the network access charges for the terminating facilities used for that intraLATA toll traffic.
- O. If during the term of this Agreement, the Federal Communications Commission issues regulations pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251 to require number portability different than that provided pursuant to this subsection, the parties agree to fully comply with those regulations.

VII. Provision of Unbundled Elements (47 U.S.C. §251(c)(3), § 252(d) and §271(x)(2)(B)(ii))

- A. The parties intend that BellSouth's offer of unbundled network elements to ALEC-1 pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252 and 271 of the Act.
- B. BellSouth will offer an unbundled local loop to ALEC-1 at the rates as set forth in Attachment C-15, incorporated herein by this reference. Special construction charges, if applicable, will be as set forth in BellSouth's Intrastate Special Access Tariff as said tariff is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement. BellSouth will also offer, as a new service loop concentration as set forth in Attachment C-16, incorporated herein by this reference. The parties agree that loop concentration service is not an unbundled element.

- C. BellSouth will offer to ALEC-1 unbundled loop channelization system service which provides the multiplexing function to convert 96 voice grade loops to DS1 level for connection with ALEC-1's point of interface. Rates are as set forth in Attachment C-16, incorporated herein by this reference.
- D. BellSouth will offer to ALEC-1 unbundled local transport from the trunk side of its switch at the rates as set forth in Attachment B-1, incorporated herein by this reference.
- E. BellSouth will offer to ALEC-1 unbundled local switching at the rates as set forth in Attachment C-17, incorporated herein by this reference, for the unbundled exchange service port.
- F. The parties agree that BellSouth may provide, upon ALEC-1 request, any other network element on an unbundled basis at any technically feasible point on its network pursuant to the requirements of section 251 of the Act.
- VIII. Access To Poles, Ducts, Conduits, and Rights of Way (47 U.S.C. § 251(b)(4) and §271(c)(2)(B)(iii))
- A. BellSouth agrees to provide to ALEC-1, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 224, as amended by the Act, nondiscriminatory access to any pole, duct, conduit, or right-of-way owned or controlled by BellSouth.

IX. Access to 911/E911 Emergency Network (47 U.S.C. §271(c)(2)(B)(vii)(I))

- A. The parties intend for the provision of access to BellSouth's 911/E911 Emergency network by ALEC-1 pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.
- B. For basic 911 service, BellSouth will provide to ALEC-1 a list consisting of each municipality in each state that subscribes to Basic 911 service. The list will also provide, if known, the E911 conversion date for each municipality and, for network routing purposes, a ten-digit directory number representing the appropriate emergency answering position for each municipality subscribing to 911. ALEC-1 will arrange to accept 911 calls from its end users in municipalities that subscribe to Basic 911 service and translate the 911 call to the appropriate 10-digit directory number as stated on the list provided by BellSouth. ALEC-1 will route that call to BellSouth at the appropriate tandem or end office. When a municipality converts to E911 service, ALEC-1 shall discontinue the Basic 911 procedures and begin the E911 procedures, set forth in subsection (B), below.
- C. For E911 service, ALEC-1 shall install a minimum of two dedicated trunks originating from ALEC-1's serving wire center and terminating to the appropriate E911

tandem. The dedicated trunks shall be, at minimum, DS0 level trunks configured either as a 2 wire analog interface or as part of a digital (1.544 Mb/s) interface. Either configuration shall use CAMA type signaling with multifrequency (MF) pulsing that will deliver automatic number identification (ANI) with the voice portion of the call. If the user interface is digital, MF pulses, as well as other AC signals, shall be encoded per the u-255 Law convention. ALEC-1 will provide BellSouth daily updates to the E911 database.

- D. If a municipality has converted to E911 service, ALEC-1 will forward 911 calls to the appropriate E911 tandem, along with ANI, based upon the current E911 end office to tandem homing arrangement as provided by BellSouth. If the E911 tandem trunks are not available, ALEC-1 will alternatively route the call to a designated 7-digit local number residing in the appropriate PSAP. This call will be transported over BellSouth's interoffice network and will not carry the ANI of the calling party.
- E. BellSouth and ALEC-1 agree that the practices and procedures contained in the E911 Local Exchange Carrier Guide For Facility-Based Providers, as it is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement by BellSouth, shall determine the appropriate procedures and practices of the parties as to the provision of 911/E911 Access.
- F. The applicable rate elements are as set forth in Attachment C-3, incorporated herein by this reference.

X. Provision of Operator Services (47 U.S.C. §271(c)(2)(B)(vii)(II)&(III))

- A. The parties intend for the provision of access to BellSouth's operator services by ALEC-1 pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.
- B. The parties agree to mutually provide busy line verification and emergency interrupt services pursuant to each party's published Tariffs as the Tariffs are amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement.
- C. BellSouth will offer to ALEC-1 Operator Call Processing Access Service; and Directory Assistance Access Services (Number Services). Rates, terms and conditions are set forth in Attachment C-8 for Operator Call Processing Access Service and Attachment C-9 for Directory Assistance Access Services. Both Attachments are incorporated herein by this reference.
- D. BellSouth will offer to ALEC-1 CMDS Hosting and the Non Sent Paid Report System pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in Attachments C-11and C-12, incorporated herein by this reference.

XI. Directory Listings (47 U.S.C.§271(c)(2)(B)(viii))

- A. The parties intend for the provision of white pages directory listings to ALEC-1 pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.
- B. Subject to execution of an Agreement between ALEC-1 and BellSouth's affiliate, BellSouth Advertising & Publishing Corporation, ("BAPCO"), substantially in the form set forth in Attachment C-1, (1) listings shall be included in appropriate White Pages or alphabetical directories; (2) ALEC-1's business subscribers' listings shall also be included in appropriate Yellow Pages, or classified directories; and (3) copies of such directories shall be delivered to ALEC-1's subscribers.
- C. BellSouth will include ALEC-1 subscriber listings in BellSouth's directory assistance databases and BellSouth will not charge ALEC-1 to maintain the Directory Assistance database. The parties agree to cooperate with each other in formulating appropriate procedures regarding lead time, timeliness, format and content of listing information.
- D. BellSouth will provide ALEC-1 a magnetic tape or computer disk containing the proper format for submitting subscriber listings. ALEC-1 will provide BellSouth with its directory listings and daily updates to those listings, including new, changed, and deleted listings, in an industry-accepted format.
- E. BellSouth and BAPCO will accord ALEC-1's directory listing information the same level of confidentiality which BellSouth and BAPCO accords its own directory listing information, and BellSouth shall limit access to ALEC-1's customer proprietary confidential directory information to those BellSouth or BAPCO employees who are involved in the preparation of listings.
- F. Additional listings and optional listings may be provided by BellSouth at the rates set forth in the General Subscriber Services Tariff as the tariff is amended from time to time during the term of this Agreement.

XII. Access to Telephone Numbers (47 U.S.C. §271(c)(2)(B)(ix))

- A. The parties intend for the provision of access to telephone numbers for ALEC-1 pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.
- B. BellSouth, during any period under this Agreement in which it serves as a North American Numbering Plan administrator for its territory, shall ensure that ALEC-1 has nondiscriminatory access to telephone numbers for assignment to its telephone

exchange service customers. It is mutually agreed that BellSouth shall provide numbering resources pursuant to the BellCore Guidelines Regarding Number Assignment and compliance with those guidelines shall constitute nondiscriminatory access to numbers. ALEC-1 agrees that it will complete the NXX code application in accordance with Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum, Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, ICCF 93-0729-010. This service will be as set forth in Attachment C-2, incorporated herein by this reference.

C. If during the term of this Agreement BellSouth is no longer the North American Numbering Plan administrator, the parties agree to comply with the guidelines, plan or rules adopted pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(e).

XIII. Access to Signaling and Signaling Databases (47 U.S.C. §271(c)(2)(B)(x))

- A. The parties intend for the provision of access to signaling and signaling databases for ALEC-1 pursuant to this section to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.
- B. BellSouth will offer to ALEC-1 use of its signaling network and signaling databases on an unbundled basis at published tariffed rates. Signaling functionality will be available with both A-link and B-link connectivity.
- C. BellSouth agrees to input the NXXs assigned to ALEC-1 into the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG").
- D. BellSouth will enter ALEC-1 line information into its Line Information Database ("LIDB") pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in Attachment C-5, incorporated herein by this reference. Entry of line information into LIDB will enable ALEC-1's end users to participate or not participate in alternate billing arrangements such as collect or third number billed calls.
- E. If ALEC-1 utilizes BellSouth's 800 database for query purposes only, the rates and charges shall be as set forth in Attachment C-4, incorporated herein by this reference.
- XIV. BellSouth's Offer of Services Available for Resale (47 U.S.C.§ 251(c)(4), §251(d)(3) & §271(c)(2)(B)(xiv))
- A. The parties intend for the provisions contained in this section regarding BellSouth's telecommunications services available for resale to comply with the requirements of sections 251, 252, and 271 of the Act.
- B. The rates pursuant by which ALEC-1 is to purchase services from BellSouth for resale shall be at a discount rate off of the retail rate for the

telecommunications service. The discount rates shall be as set forth in Attachment D, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Such discount shall reflect the costs avoided by BellSouth when selling a service for wholesale purposes.

- C. ALEC-1 may resell the tariffed local exchange and toll telecommunications services of BellSouth subject to the terms, and conditions specifically set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following are not available for purchase: Grandfathered services; promotional and trial retail service offerings; lifeline and linkup services; contract service arrangements; installment billing options; 911 and E911 services; interconnection services for mobile service providers; and legislatively or administratively mandated specialized discounts (e.g. education institutions discount).
- D. The provision of services by BellSouth to ALEC-1 does not constitute a joint undertaking for the furnishing of any service.
- E. ALEC-1 will be the customer of record for all services purchased from BellSouth. Except as specified herein, BellSouth will take orders from, bill and expect payment from ALEC-1 for all services.
- F. ALEC-1 will be BellSouth's single point of contact for all services purchased pursuant to this Agreement including all ordering activities and repair calls. For all repair requests, ALEC-1 accepts responsibility for adhering to BellSouth's prescreening guidelines prior to referring the trouble to BellSouth. BellSouth may bill ALEC-1 for handling troubles that are found not to be in the BellSouth network. The parties agree that BellSouth may contact ALEC-1's customers, if in its sole discretion it deems necessary for maintenance purposes. BellSouth shall have no other contact with the end user except to the extent provided for herein.
- G. BellSouth will continue to bill the end user for any services that the end user specifies it wishes to receive directly from BellSouth. BellSouth maintains the right to serve directly any end user within the service area of ALEC-1 and ALEC agrees not to interfere with the right of any end user to obtain service directly from BellSouth. BellSouth will continue to directly market its own telecommunications products and services and in doing so may establish independent relationships with end users of ALEC-1.
- H. In most circumstances, the current telephone number of an end user may be retained by the end user unless the end user has past due charges associated with the BellSouth account for which payment arrangements have not been made. BellSouth will not, however, make the end user's previous telephone number available to ALEC-1 until the end user's outstanding balance has been paid. Denied service means that the service of an end user provided by a local exchange

telecommunications company, including BellSouth has been temporally suspended for nonpayment and subject to complete disconnection.

- I. BellSouth may provide any service or facility for which a charge is not established herein, as long as it is offered on the same terms to ALEC-1 for a charge not less than BellSouth's cost.
- J. The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment provided by any person or entity other than BellSouth shall not:
 - 1. Interfere with or impair service over any facilities of BellSouth, its affiliates, or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its service;
 - 2. Cause damage to their plant;
 - 3. Impair the privacy of any communications; or
 - 4. Create hazards to any employees or the public.

ALEC-1 assumes the responsibility of notifying BellSouth regarding less than standard operations with respect to services provided by ALEC-1.

- K. ALEC-1 agrees that its resale of BellSouth services shall be as follows:
- 1. The resale of telecommunications services shall be limited to users and uses conforming to the class of service restrictions.
- 2. To the extent ALEC-1 is a telecommunications carrier that serves greater than 5 percent of the Nation's presubscribed access lines, ALEC-1 shall not jointly market its interLATA services with the telecommunications services purchased from BellSouth pursuant to this Agreement in any of the states covered under this Agreement. For purposes of this subsection, to jointly market means any advertisement, marketing effort or billing in which the telecommunications services purchased from BellSouth for purposes of resale to customers and interLATA services offered by ALEC-1 are packaged, tied, bundled, discounted or offered together in any way to the end user. Such efforts include, but are not limited to, sales referrals, resale arrangements, sales agencies or billing agreements. This subsection shall be void and of no effect for a particular state covered under this Agreement as of February 8, 1999 or on the date BellSouth is authorized to offer interLATA services in that state, whichever is earlier.

- 3. Hotel and Hospital PBX service are the only telecommunications services available for resale to Hotel/Motel and Hospital end users, respectively. Similarly, Access Line Service for Customer Provided Coin Telephones is the only local service available for resale to COCOTS customers. Shared Tenant Service customers can only be sold those telecommunications services available in BellSouth's A23 or A27 Shared Tenant Service Tariff, as appropriate.
- 4. ALEC-1 is prohibited from furnishing both flat and measured rate service on the same business premises to the same subscribers (end users) as stated in A2 3.2.A. of BellSouth's Tariff.
- 5. Resold services can only be used in the same manner as specified in BellSouth's Tariff. Resold services are subject to the same terms and conditions as are specified for such services when furnished to an individual end user of BellSouth in the appropriate section of BellSouth's Tariffs. Specific tariff features, e.g. a usage allowance per month, shall not be aggregated across multiple resold services. Resold services cannot be used to aggregate traffic from more than one end user customer except as specified in Section A23. of BellSouth's Tariff referring to Shared Tenant Service.
- L. Telephone numbers transmitted via any resold service feature are intended solely for the use of the end user of the feature. Resale of this information is prohibited.
- M. Services resold under BellSouth's Tariffs and facilities and equipment provided by BellSouth shall be maintained by BellSouth. ALEC-1 or its end users may not rearrange, move, disconnect, remove or attempt to repair any facilities owned by BellSouth, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface means used, except with the written consent of BellSouth.
- N. BellSouth will not perform billing and collection services for ALEC-1 as a result of the execution of this Agreement. All requests for billing services should be referred to the appropriate entity or operational group within BellSouth.
- O. Until such time as BellSouth receives permission from the FCC to bill the End User Common Line (EUCL) charge to ALEC-1, BellSouth will, on an interim basis, bill ALEC-1 the charges shown below which are identical to the EUCL rates billed by BST to its end users.

		Monthly Rate
1.	Residential (a) Each Individual Line or Trunk	\$3.50
2.	Single Line Business (b) Each Individual Line or Trunk	\$3.50
3.	Multi-line Business (c) Each Individual Line or Trunk	\$6.00

- P. The procedures for discontinuing end user service purchased by ALEC-1 for resale to an end user are as follows:
 - 1. Where possible, BellSouth will deny service to ALEC-1's end user on behalf of, and at the request of, ALEC-1. Upon restoration of the end user's service, restoration charges will apply and will be the responsibility of ALEC-1
 - 2. At the request of ALEC-1, BellSouth will disconnect a ALEC-1 end user customer.
 - 3. All requests by ALEC-1 for denial or disconnection of an end user for nonpayment must be in writing.
 - 4. ALEC-1 will be made solely responsible for notifying the end user of the proposed disconnection of the service.
 - 5. BellSouth will continue to process calls made to the Annoyance Call Center and will advise ALEC-1 when it is determined that annoyance calls are originated from one of their end user's locations. BellSouth shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by ALEC-1 and/or the end user against any claim, loss or damage arising from providing this information to ALEC-1. It is the responsibility of ALEC-1 to take the corrective action necessary with its customers who make annoying calls. Failure to do so will result in BellSouth's disconnecting the end user's service.
 - Q. The procedures for discontinuing service to ALEC-1 are as follows:
 - 1. BellSouth reserves the right to suspend or terminate service for nonpayment or in the event of prohibited, unlawful or improper use of the facilities or

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- service, abuse of the facilities, or any other violation or noncompliance by ALEC-1 of the rules and regulations of BellSouth's Tariffs.
- 2. If payment of account is not received by the bill day in the month after the original bill day, BellSouth may provide written notice to ALEC-1, that additional applications for service will be refused and that any pending orders for service will not be completed if payment is not received by the fifteenth day following the date of the notice. If BellSouth does not refuse additional applications for service on the date specified in the notice, and ALEC-1's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude BellSouth's right to refuse additional applications for service without further notice.
- 3. If payment of the account is not received, or arrangements made, by the bill day in the second consecutive month, the account will be considered in default and will be subject to denial or disconnection, or both.
- 4. If ALEC-1 fails to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, including any payments to be made by it on the dates and times herein specified, BellSouth may, on thirty days written notice to the person designated by ALEC-1 to receive notices of noncompliance, discontinue the provision of existing services to ALEC-1 at any time thereafter. In the case of such discontinuance, all billed charges, as well as applicable termination charges, shall become due. If BellSouth does not discontinue the provision of the services involved on the date specified in the thirty days notice, and ALEC-1's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude BellSouth's right to discontinue the provision of the services to ALEC-1 without further notice.
- 5. If payment is not received or arrangements made for payment by the date given in the written notification, ALEC-1's services will be discontinued. Upon discontinuance of service on a ALEC-1's account, service to ALEC-1's end users will be denied. BellSouth will also reestablish service at the request of the end user or ALEC-1 upon payment of the appropriate connection fee and subject to BellSouth's normal application procedures.
- 6. If within fifteen days after an end user's service has been denied no contact has been made in reference to restoring service, the end user's service will be disconnected.
- R. BellSouth may require ALEC-1 to make a deposit when purchasing services for resale purposes to be held by BellSouth as a guarantee of the payment of

rates and charges. Any such deposit may be held during the continuance of the service and may not exceed two month's estimated billing. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves ALEC-1 from the prompt payment of bills on presentation nor does it constitute a waiver or modification of the regular practices of BellSouth providing for the discontinuance of service for non-payment of any sums due BellSouth. In the event that ALEC-1 defaults on its account, service to ALEC-1 will be terminated and any deposits held will be applied to its account. In the case of a cash deposit, interest at the rate of six percent per annum shall be paid to ALEC-1 during the continuance of the deposit. Interest on a deposit shall accrue annually and, if requested, shall be annually credited to ALEC-1 by the accrual date.

S. ALEC-1 is strictly prohibited from any use of, including but not limited to sales, marketing or advertising, any BellSouth name or trademark.

XV. Ordering of Services From BellSouth For Resale Purposes

- A. The ordering and provision of services purchased from BellSouth for resale purposes by ALEC-1 shall be as set forth in the OLEC-to-BellSouth Ordering Guidelines (Reseller) as those guidelines are amended by BellSouth from time to time during the term of this Agreement.
- B. When the initial service is ordered by ALEC-1, BellSouth will establish an accounts receivable master account for ALEC-1.
- C. BellSouth shall bill ALEC-1 on a current basis all applicable charges and credits, including any service order charges.
- D. Payment of all charges will be the responsibility of ALEC-1. ALEC-1 shall make payment to BellSouth for all services billed. BellSouth is not responsible for payments not received by ALEC-1 from ALEC-1's customer. BellSouth will not become involved in billing disputes that may arise between ALEC-1 and its customer. Payments made to BellSouth as payment on account will be credited to an accounts receivable master account and not to an end user's account.
- E. BellSouth will render bills each month on established bill days for each of ALEC-1's accounts.
- F. BellSouth will bill ALEC-1 in advance charges for all services to be provided during the ensuing billing period except charges associated with service usage, which charges will be billed in arrears. Charges will be calculated on an individual end user account level, including, if applicable, any charges for usage or usage allowances. BellSouth will also bill all charges, including but not limited to 911

and E911 charges, telecommunications relay charges, and franchise fees, on an individual end user account level.

G. The payment will be due by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date) and is payable in immediately available U.S. funds. Payment is considered to have been made when received by BellSouth.

If the payment due date falls on a Sunday or on a Holiday which is observed on a Monday, the payment due date shall be the first non-Holiday day following such Sunday or Holiday. If the payment due date falls on a Saturday or on a Holiday which is observed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, the payment due date shall be the last non-Holiday day preceding such Saturday or Holiday. If payment is not received by the payment due date, a late payment penalty, as set forth in I. following, shall apply.

- H. Upon proof of tax exempt certification from ALEC-1, the total amount billed to ALEC-1 will not include any taxes due from the end user. ALEC-1 will be solely responsible for the computation, tracking, reporting and payment of all federal, state and/or local jurisdiction taxes associated with the services resold to the end user.
- I. As the customer of record, ALEC-1 will be responsible for, and remit to BellSouth, all charges applicable to its resold services for emergency services (E911 and 911) and Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) as well as any other charges of a similar nature.
- J. If any portion of the payment is received by BellSouth after the payment due date as set forth preceding, or if any portion of the payment is received by BellSouth in funds that are not immediately available to BellSouth, then a late payment penalty shall be due to BellSouth. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the payment due date times a late factor. The late factor shall be the lessor of:
 - 1. The highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transaction, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment due date to and including the date that ALEC-1 actually makes the payment to BellSouth, or
 - 2. 0.000590 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment due date to and including the date that ALEC-1 actually makes the payment to BellSouth.

- K. Any Carrier Common Line charges (CCL) associated with interexchange carrier access to the resold local exchange lines will be billed by, and due to, BellSouth.
- L. In general, BellSouth will not become involved in disputes between ALEC-1 and ALEC-1's end user customers over resold services. If a dispute does arise that cannot be settled without the involvement of BellSouth, ALEC-1 shall contact the designated Service Center for resolution. BellSouth will make every effort to assist in the resolution of the dispute and will work with ALEC-1 to resolve the matter in as timely a manner as possible. ALEC-1 may be required to submit documentation to substantiate the claim.
- M. ALEC-1 is responsible for payment of all appropriate charges for completed calls, services, and equipment. If objection in writing is not received by BellSouth within twenty-nine days after the bill is rendered, the account shall be deemed correct and binding upon ALEC-1.

XVI. Network Design and Management (47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(5))

- A. The parties agree to work cooperatively to install and maintain reliable interconnected telecommunications networks, including but not limited to, maintenance contact numbers and escalation procedures. BellSouth agrees to provide public notice of changes in the information necessary for the transmission and routing of services using its local exchange facilities or networks, as well as of any other changes that would affect the interoperability of those facilities and networks.
- B. The interconnection of all networks will be based upon accepted industry/national guidelines for transmission standards and traffic blocking criteria.
- C. The parties will work cooperatively to apply sound network management principles by invoking appropriate network management controls, e.g., call gapping, to alleviate or prevent network congestion.
- D. BellSouth does not intend to charge rearrangement, reconfiguration, disconnection, or other non-recurring fees that may be associated with the initial reconfiguration ALEC-1's interconnection arrangement. However, ALEC-1's interconnection reconfigurations will have to be considered individually as to the application of a charge. Notwithstanding the foregoing, BellSouth does intend to charge ALEC-1 non-recurring fees for any additions to, or added capacity to, any facility or trunk purchased by ALEC-1.
- E. The parties agree to provide LEC-to-LEC Common Channel Signaling (CCS) to one another, where available, in conjunction with all traffic in order to enable full interoperability of CLASS features and functions except for repeat dialing. All CCS signaling parameters will be provided, including automatic number identification (ANI), originating line information (OLI) calling party category, charge number, etc. All privacy

indicators will be honored, and the parties agree to cooperate on the exchange of Transactional Capabilities Application Part (TCAP) messages to facilitate full interoperability of CCS-based features between the respective networks.

- F. For network expansion, the parties agree to review engineering requirements on a quarterly basis and establish forecasts for trunk utilization as required by Section V of this Agreement. New trunk groups will be implemented as state by engineering requirements for both parties.
- G. The parties agree to provide each other with the proper call information, i.e. originated call party number and destination call party number, CIC, and OZZ, including all proper translations for routing between networks and any information necessary for billing where BellSouth provides recording capabilities. The exchange of information is required to enable each party to bill properly.

XVII. Disconnection of Existing End User Service

- A. BellSouth will accept requests from ALEC-1 to disconnect the service of an existing BellSouth end user. BellSouth will accept a request directly from an end user for conversion of the end user's service from ALEC-1 to BellSouth or will accept a request from another ALEC or ALEC-1 for conversion of the Service Provider Number Portability service associated with an end user's service from ALEC-1 to the second ALEC or Reseller. BellSouth will notify ALEC-1 that such a request has been processed. BellSouth will not require end user confirmation prior to disconnecting the end user's service. ALEC-1 must, however, provide proof of authorization upon request.
- B. If BellSouth determines that an unauthorized change in local service provider has occurred, BellSouth will reestablish service with the appropriate local service provider as requested by the end user and will assess ALEC-1 an Unauthorized Change Charge of \$19.41 per line or trunk for Residence of Business and \$34.19 for each Public or Semi-Public Line. The appropriate nonrecurring charges to reestablish the customer's service with the appropriate local service provider will also be assessed to ALEC-1 because of the unauthorized change. These charges may be adjusted if ALEC-1 provides satisfactory proof of authorization.
- C. BellSouth may designate BellSouth as the preferred provider of local exchange service for its own pay telephones.

XVIII. Implementation of Agreement

The parties agree that within 30 days of the execution of this Agreement they will adopt a schedule for the implementation of this Agreement. The schedule shall state with specificity, ordering, testing, and full operational time frames. The implementation shall be attached to this Agreement as an addendum and specifically incorporated herein by this reference.

XIX. Auditing Procedures

- A. Upon thirty (30) days written notice, each party must provide the other the ability and opportunity to conduct an annual audit to ensure the proper billing of traffic between the parties. The parties agree to retain records of call detail for a minimum of nine months from which the PLU can be ascertained. The audit shall be accomplished during normal business hours at an office designated by the party being audited. Audit request shall not be submitted more frequently than one (1) time per calendar year. Audits shall be performed by a mutually acceptable independent auditory paid for by the party requesting the audit. The PLU shall be adjusted based upon the audit results and shall apply to the usage for the quarter the audit was completed, the usage for the quarter prior to the completion of the audit, and to the usage for the two quarters following the completion of the audit. If, as a result of an audit, either party is found to have overstated the PLU by twenty percentage points (20%) or more, that party shall reimburse the auditing party for the cost of the audit.
- B. For combined interstate and intrastate ALEC-1 traffic terminated by BellSouth over the same facilities, ALEC-1 shall provide a projected Percentage Interstate Usage ("PIU") as defined herein to BellSouth. All jurisdictional report requirements, rules and regulations for Interexchange Carriers specified in E2.3.14 of BellSouth's Intrastate Access Services Tariff will apply to ALEC-1. After interstate and intrastate traffic percentages have been determined by use of PIU procedures, the PLU factor will be used for application and billing of local interconnection and intrastate toll access charges.
- C. BellSouth reserves the right to periodically audit services purchased by ALEC-1 for the purposes of resale to confirm that such services are being utilized in conformity with this Agreement. ALEC-1 agrees to make any and all records available to BellSouth or its auditors on a timely basis. BellSouth shall bear the cost of said audit that shall not occur more than once in a calendar year. If the audit determines that the services are being utilized in violation of this Agreement, ALEC-1 shall be notified and billing for the service will be immediately changed to conform with this Agreement. Service charges, back billing and interest may be applied.

XX. Liability and Indemnification

A. With respect to any claim or suit, whether based in contract, tort or any other theory of legal liability, by ALEC-1, an ALEC-1 customer or by any other person or entity, for damages associated with any of the services provided by BellSouth pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, including but not limited to the installation, provision, preemption, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, and subject to the provisions of the remainder of this Article XX, BellSouth's liability shall not limited to an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service provided pursuant to this Agreement for the period during which the service was affected. Notwithstanding the foregoing, claims for damages by ALEC-1, any ALEC-1

customer, or any other person or entity resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of BellSouth shall not be subject to such limitation of liability.

- B. With respect to any claim or suit, whether based in contract, tort or any other theory of legal liability, by BellSouth, a BellSouth customer or by any other person or entity, for damages associated with any of the services provided by ALEC-1 pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, including but not limited to the installation, provision, preemption, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, and subject to the provisions of the remainder of this Article XX, ALEC-1's liability shall not limited to an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service provided pursuant to this Agreement for the period during which the service was affected. Notwithstanding the foregoing, claims for damages by BellSouth, any BellSouth customer, or any other person or entity resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of ALEC-1 shall not be subject to such limitation of liability.
- C. Neither party shall be liable for any act or omission of any other telecommunications company to the extent such other telecommunications company provides a portion of a service.
- D. Neither party shall be liable for damages to the other party's terminal location, POI or other party's customers' premises resulting from the furnishing of a service, including but not limited to the installation and removal of equipment and associated wiring, except to the extent the damages is caused by such party's gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- E. Notwithstanding subsection A., the party providing services under this Agreement, its affiliates, and its parent company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the party receiving such services against any claim, loss or damage arising from the receiving party's use of the services provided under this Agreement, involving: 1) Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the receiving party's own communications; 2) any claim, loss, or damage claimed by the receiving party's customer(s) arising from such customer's use of any service, including 911/E911, that the customer has obtained from the receiving party and that the receiving party has obtained from the supplying party under this Agreement; or 3) all other claims arising out of an act or omission of the receiving party in the course of using services provided pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that a claim, loss or damage is caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of a supplying party the receiving party shall have no obligation to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the supplying party hereunder.
- F. BellSouth assumes no liability for the accuracy of the data provided to it by ALEC-1 and ALEC-1 agrees to indemnify and hold harmless BellSouth for any claim, action, cause of action, damage, injury whatsoever, that may result from the supply of data from ALEC-1 to BellSouth in conjunction with the provision of any service provided pursuant to this Agreement.

- G. Neither party guarantees or makes any warranty with respect to its services when used in an explosive atmosphere. Notwithstanding subsection A., each party shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the other party or the other party's customer from any and all claims by any person relating to the other party or other party's customer's use of services so provided.
- H. No license under patents (other than the limited license to use) is granted by one party to the other or shall be implied or arise by estoppel, with respect to any service offered pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding subsection A., the party providing a service pursuant to this Agreement will defend the party receiving such service against claims of patent infringement arising solely from the use by the receiving party of such service and will indemnify the receiving party for any damages awarded based solely on such claims. Such indemnification shall not, however, extend to claims for patent infringement to the extent the alleged infringement results from:
- (1) Modification of the service by someone other than the providing party and /or its subcontractors, where there would be no such infringement or violation in the absence of such modification; or
- (2) The combination, operation or use of the service with any product, data or apparatus not provided by the providing party and/or its subcontractors, where there would be no such infringement or violation in the absence of such combination, operation or use.
- I. Promptly after receipt of notice of any claim or the commencement of any action for which a party may seek indemnification pursuant to this Article IX, such party (the "Indemnified Party") shall promptly give written notice to the other party (the Indemnifying Party") of such claim or action, but the failure to so notify the Indemnifying Party shall not relieve the Indemnifying Party of any liability it may have to the Indemnified Party except to the extent the Indemnifying Party has actually been prejudiced thereby. The Indemnifying Party shall be obligated to assume the defense of such claim, at its own expense. The Indemnified Party shall cooperate with the Indemnifying Party's reasonable requests for assistance or information relating to such claim, at the Indemnifying Party's expense. The Indemnified Party shall have the right to participate in the investigation and defense of such claim or action, with separate counsel chosen and paid for by the Indemnified Party.
- J. A party's failure to provide or maintain services offered pursuant to this Agreement shall be excused to the extent such failure is the result of labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotion, criminal actions taken against such party, acts of God and other circumstances beyond such party's reasonable control.

XXI. Treatment of Proprietary and Confidential Information

- A. Both parties agree that it may be necessary to provide each other during the term of this Agreement with certain confidential information, including trade secret information, including but not limited to, technical and business plans, technical information, proposals, specifications, drawings, procedures, customer account data, call detail records and like information (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Information"). Both parties agree that all Information shall be in writing or other tangible form and clearly marked with a confidential, private or proprietary legend and that the Information will be returned to the owner within a reasonable time. Both parties agree that the Information shall not be copied or reproduced in any form. Both parties agree to receive such Information and not disclose such Information. Both parties agree to protect the Information received from distribution, disclosure or dissemination to anyone except employees of the parties with a need to know such Information and which employees agree to be bound by the terms of this Section. Both parties will use the same standard of care to protect Information received as they would use to protect their own confidential and proprietary Information.
- B. Notwithstanding the foregoing, both parties agree that there will be no obligation to protect any portion of the Information that is either: 1) made publicly available by the owner of the Information or lawfully disclosed by a nonparty to this Agreement; 2) lawfully obtained from any source other than the owner of the Information; or 3) previously known to the receiving party without an obligation to keep it confidential.

XXII. Resolution of Disputes

Except as otherwise stated in this Agreement, the parties agree that if any dispute arises as to the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement or as to the proper implementation of this Agreement, the parties will petition the Commission for a resolution of the dispute. However, each party reserves any rights it may have to seek judicial review of any ruling made by the Commission concerning this Agreement.

XXIII. Limitation of Use

The parties agree that this Agreement shall not be proffered by either party in another jurisdiction as evidence of any concession or as a waiver of any position taken by the other party in that jurisdiction or for any other purpose.

XXIV. Waivers

Any failure by either party to insist upon the strict performance by the other party of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement, and each party, notwithstanding such failure, shall have

the right thereafter to insist upon the specific performance of any and all of the provisions of this Agreement.

XXV. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of Georgia, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

XXVI. Arm's Length Negotiations

This Agreement was executed after arm's length negotiations between the undersigned parties and reflects the conclusion of the undersigned that this Agreement is in the best interests of all parties.

XXVII. Notices

	A.	Every notice, consent, approval, or other communications required or
conte	emplated	I by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person or
giver	n by post	tage prepaid mail, address to:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	ALEC-1 Communications

or at such other address as the intended recipient previously shall have designated by written notice to the other party.

B. Where specifically required, notices shall be by certified or registered mail. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, notice by mail shall be effective on the date it is officially recorded as delivered by return receipt or equivalent, and in the absence of such record of delivery, it shall be presumed to have been delivered the fifth day, or next business day after the fifth day, after it was deposited in the mails.

XXVIII. Entire Agreement

This Agreement and its Attachments, incorporated herein by this reference, sets forth the entire understanding and supersedes prior agreements between the parties relating to the subject matter contained herein and merges all prior discussions between them, and neither party shall be bound by any definition, condition, provision, representation, warranty, covenant or promise other than as expressly stated in this Agreement or as is contemporaneously or subsequently set forth in writing and executed by a duly authorized officer or representative of the party to be bound thereby.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	ALEC-1
Signature	Signature
Title	Title
Date	Date

ATTACHMENT A

EXAMPLE OF "5% CAP"

Case	1	

BellSouth terminates 10,000 min. to ALEC X bills BellSouth for 10,000 min.

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ALEC X terminates 15,000 min. to BellSouth

BellSouth bills ALEC X for 10,500 min.

(10,000 + 5%)

Case 2:

BellSouth terminates 15,000 min. to ALEC ALEC X bills BellSouth for 10,500 min.

(10,000 + 5%)

ALEC X terminates 10,000 min. to

BellSouth

BellSouth bills ALEC X for 10,000 min.

Case 3:

BellSouth terminates zero min, to ALEC X ALEC X bills BellSouth zero

ALEC X terminates 10,000 min. to

BellSouth

BellSouth bills ALEC X zero

Case 4:

BellSouth terminates 10,000 min. to ALEC ALEC X bills BellSouth zero

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ALEC X terminates zero min. to BellSouth

BellSouth bills ALEC X zero

Case 5:

BellSouth terminates 10,000 min. to ALEC X bills BellSouth for 10,000 min.

ALEC X terminates 10,200 min. to

BellSouth

BellSouth bills ALEC X for 10,200 min.

(difference is less than cap)

Case 6:

BellSouth terminates 10,200 min. to ALEC X bills BellSouth for 10,200 min.

(difference is less than cap)

ALEC X terminates 10,000 min. to BellSouth

BellSouth bills ALEC X for 10,000 min.

Case 7:

BellSouth and ALEC X both terminate 10,000 min. to each other

ALEC X and BellSouth both bill each other 10,000 min.

Attachment B-1

Local Interconnection Service

Service: Local Interconnection*

Description: Provides for the use of BellSouth Switching and transport facilities and common subscriber plant for connecting calls between an ALEC's Point of interface (POI) and a BellSouth end user.

It can also be used to connect calls between an ALEC and an interexchange Carrier (IC), and independant Exchange Telephone Company (ICO), or a Mobile Service Service Provider (MSP), or between two ALECs.

It is furnished on a per-frunk basis. Trunks are differentiated by traffic type and directionality. There are two major traffic types: (1) Local and (2) Intermediary. Local represents traffic from the ALEC's POI to a Bellsouth tandem or end office and intermediary represents traffic originated or terminated by an ALEC which is interconnected with an IC, ICO, MSP or another ALEC.

Rates and charges will be applied as indicated below.

State(s):	Alabama						Florida					
	Per	Applied	Monthly	Applied	Non-	Applied	Per	Applied	Monthly	Applied	Non-	Applied
RATE ELEMENTS	MOU	Per	Recur.	Per	Recur.	Per	MOU	Per	Recur.	Per	Recur.	Per
DS1 Local Channel	-		\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First	-	_	\$133.81	LC	\$866.97	LC - First
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DS1 Dedicated Transport	-	_	\$23.50	per mile	-	-		1	\$16.75	per mile		_
J			\$90.00	fac.lerm	\$100.49	fac. term.	_	_	\$59.75	fac.term	\$100.49	fac, term.
DS1 Common Transport	\$0.00004	per mile	-	1 –	ĺ –	1 - 1	\$0.00004	per mile	-		-	-
·	\$0.00036	fac. term.	-	-		1 - 1	\$0.00036	fac. term.	-	-	-	_
Local Switching LS2 (FGD)	\$0.00755	access mou	_	_	-	_	\$0.00876	access mou	l –	-	_	_
Tandem Switching	\$0.00074	access mou	_	-	-	'	\$0.00050	access mou	_	-	-	_
Information Surcharge	\$0.03218	100 mou	_	_	-		_	1	_	-	-	_
Tandem Intermediary Charge**	\$0.002	access mou	-	-	-	-	\$0.002	access mou	-	-	-	-
Composite Rate-DS1 Dedicated	\$0.00978	L	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	L	1	\$0.01028	L	<u> </u>	ـــــا	<u> </u>	L
Composite Rate-DS1 Tandem Sw.	\$0.00991						\$0.01056					·

State(s):	Georgia						Kentucky					
RATE ELEMENTS	Per MOU	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non- Recur.	Applied Per	Per MOU	Applied Per	Monthly Recur.	Applied Per	Non- Recur.	Applied Per
DS1 Local Channel	Ţ -	-	\$133.81		1	LC - First		-	\$133.81	נט		LC - First
DS1 Dedicated Transport	-	-		per mile	-	- fac. term.	-	-		per mile fac.term		- fac. term.
DS1 Common Transport	\$0.00004 \$0.00036	per mile fac. term.	-	_	_	-	\$0.00004	per mile fac. term.	-	-	-	_
Local Switching LS2 (FGD)	\$0.00787	access mou		-	-	-	\$0.00755	access mou	-	-	_	-
Tandem Switching Information Surcharge	\$0.00074	access mou	_] =	_	_	\$0.03218	access mou Prem/100 mou	J	-	-	_
Tandem Intermediary Charge**	\$0.002	access mou	-		-	-	•	Trans/100 mou access mou	-	_	_	-
Composite Rate-DS1 Dedicated	\$0.00978	1		<u> </u>	L		\$0.00978					L
Composite Rate-DS1 Tandem Sw.	\$0.00991		-				\$0.00991					

^{*}Rates are displayed at the DS1-1.544 Mbps. level. For rates and charges applicable to other arrangement levels, refer to Section E6 of BellSouth Telecommunication's, Inc.'s Intrastate Access Tariff

[&]quot;The Tandem Intermediary Charge applies only to Intermediary Traffic.

⁻DS1 Local Channel: denotes a DS1 dedicated transport facility between the ALEC's serving wire center and the ALEC's POI, also called an Entrance Facility. This element will apply when associated with services ordered by an ALEC which utilizes a BellSouth facilities. This element is not required when an ALEC is collocated. -DS1 Dedicated Transport: provides transmission and facility termination. The facility termination applies for each DS1 Interoffice Channel terminated. Can be used from the ALEC's serving wire center to the end users end office or from the ALEC's serving with center to the tandem.

⁻Common Transport: Composed of Common Transport facilities as determined by BellSouth and permits the transmission of calls terminated by BellSouth.

⁻Access Tandem Switching: provides function of switching traffic from or to the Access Tandem from or to the end office switch(es). The Access Tandem Switching charge is assessed on all terminating minutes of use switched at the access tandem.

⁻Compensation Credit (CAP): BellSouth and the ALECs will not be required to compensate each other for more than 105% of the total billed local interconnection minutes of use of the party with the lower total billed local interconnection minutes of use in the same month.